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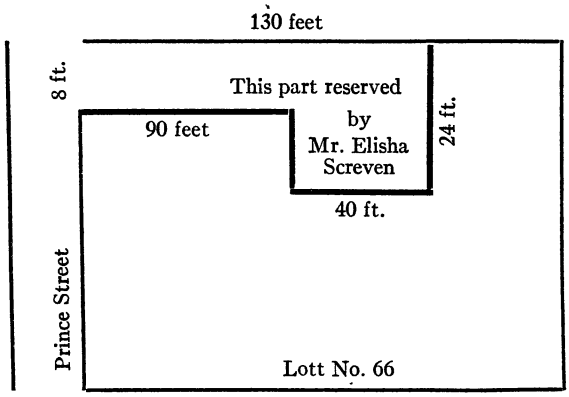
HISTORICAL NOTES.

THE BURIAL PLACE OF THE REVEREND WILLIAM SCREVEN.



The above plat and following abstracts from the records in Charleston, locate the burial place of the Rev. William Screven, the Baptist minister, who came to South Carolina from Kittery, Maine, about 1698,[1] and died at what is now Georgetown, S. C., in 1713.

William Screven married, June 23, 1674, Bridget Cutts, of Maine. He is said to have been born in 1629, if so, then Bridget Cutts was possibly a second wife. There are several Screvens to be found in the early records here, whose names are not given in the *Cutt's Genealogy*, and whose relationship to the Rev. William Screven have not been found.

Permanous Screven had a grant[2] of 500 acres in Berkley County, 6th Nov. 1704, north on Aaron Screven, South on Champernoun Elliott, east and west not laid out.

Aaron Screven, grant of 300 acres in Berkley County South on Permanous Screven, other sides vacant; 6th Nov. 1704.

Savill Screven married Martha Bremar, April 29, 1718, and his widow married Theodorus Tresevant, Feb. 24, 1720/1.[3]

[1] This *magazine*, Vol. 9, pp. 87 and 230.

[2] *Proprietor's Grants*, Vol. 38, p. 485, in Sec. of State's office, Columbia, S. C.

[3] *Register of St. Thomas' and St. Denis*, p. 41.

One of the Younger Sons of the Rev. William Screven, was Elisha (? 1698–1757); he married before 1733, Hannah Commander, daughter of Samuel Commander,[4] of Prince George's and Prince Frederick's parishes, Craven County.

Elisha Screven, on 2d July, 1756,[5] as "Elisha Screven of Prince Frederick's Winyaw, planter with Hannah his wife" sells to Christopher Gadsden of Charles Town, Merchant for £2500 current money of So. Carolina, lots 33 35, 65 and 66 in Georgetown; reserving of lot 66 (which measures 100 feet on Prince Street, and $217\frac{9}{10}$ feet deep) to the said Elisha Screven, 130 feet in length from Prince Street downwards towards the Bay, eight feet in breadth on Prince Street, and the same breadth continued downward for the length of 90 feet, and from thence 24 feet wide for the remaining 40 feet in length, butting and bounding S. W. and N. E. on said lot No. 66. S. E. on lot No. 67 and N. E. on Prince Street "as is shown within red lines on plat annexed."

Rebecca Cooke
Thomas Godfrey } Witnesses
George Bedon Jun.

Elisha Screven made his will on 18th August 1756, codicil 26th November, 1757, date of proof not given. He mentions: his wife Hannah; his son Joseph, to whom he gives among other things, 1300 acres of land in four tracts; son Elisha, 700 acres bought of Arthur Foster, one third of 1000 acres on Peedee bought of Othniel Beale, bounding on Peedee River and land now Arch. Johnson, eight negroes &c.; son Joshua, 700 acres bought of John Goodwin and Martha his wife, and 275 acres bought of Alex. Swinton, eight negroes &c. Son Samuel, 480 acres bought of John McCants, and one third of the 1000 acres on Peedee, eight negroes.

Son William (under age), one third of the 1000 acres on Peedee and one negro; son Benjamin (under age) lots 185, 186, and 199 in Georgetown. Daughter Elizabeth, wife of James Fowler, negro, horse, tablespoons, teaspoons, £407 now in her possession, and £2000 current money. Daughter Hannah (under age) negro, silver teaspoons, horse. Wife Hannah all Silver plate. Wife, Sons

[4] Will of Samuel Commander, 11 Sept., 1733. Probate Court, Charleston, S. C.

[5] Book Q, Q., M. C. O. Charleston, S. C.

Elisha, Joshua, Samuel and son William when eighteen, to be executors. 18th August 1756. John Walker, James Commander and George Commander, witnesses. The codicil, dated 26 November, 1757, makes minor changes in the legacies and contains the following: "Mem: Son Elisha Screven part of lott in George Town by the Number 66, as expressly mentioned in certain indentures sold to Christopher Gadsden, dated 2 July 1756, for and as a burying ground My Father &c. being there buried."

James Potts Jr.
Abigail Smith } Witnesses
Wm. X Fullford
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